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Title of Accomplishment or Milestone: HMS data coordination.

Current Status: On schedule

Background Information: The SWFSC determined from an outside program that its HMS data needed to be coordinated by the Honolulu Laboratory and the SW Regional Coordinator was established in La Jolla and a plan to coordinate HMS data to the PIR in 2003) was established in August 2002. The plan established a coordination team (La Jolla Laboratory, Honolulu Laboratory, Regional Office in Long Beach) to help a Data Coordinator distribute and obtain comments from the research staff at the various locations. An annual meeting management data staffs to identify issues relevant to HMS research. Nine we management data standards, 2) SWR, HMS data collection standards, 3) SWR, HMS data submissions standards, 3) SWR, HMS data of delinquent data under the HSFCA, 5) limited HMS staff access to ITS of delinquent data under the HSFCA, 5) policies, developed by the coordination team, maybe contrary in the use of HMS data currently remain unresolved and fester, 8) incorporation of fisheries data (economic, customs, enforcement, etc.), and 9) data security and confidentiality are not handled uniformly throughout the SWR.

Purpose of Activity: To coordinate the management and use of HMS data in the SWR and PIR to ensure that high quality HMS fisheries data are readily available for stock assessments, to satisfy NMFS obligations under domestic legislation and international agreements and provide public access to non-confidential summaries via the internet.

Description of Accomplishment and Significant Results: The data coordination team has established two working groups, 1) data catalog working group and 2) data standards working group to look at issues 1-3. A data catalog has been established <http://swfscdata.nmfs.noaa.gov> that lists all HMS data. Meta data is being added along with online data summaries. The data standards working group is looking at standards for data collection, management archival and distribution. The Data Coordinator is working with Science and Technology (NMFS, D.C.) to continue their Oracle data set conversions and standardization of data management efforts in the SWR and PIR.

Significance of Accomplishment: Progress is being made toward coordinated HMS data sets at the PIR and SWR to allow for high quality data and increased efficiency in handling data.

Problems: The load of tasks on the Data Coordinator is becoming a limiting factor.

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